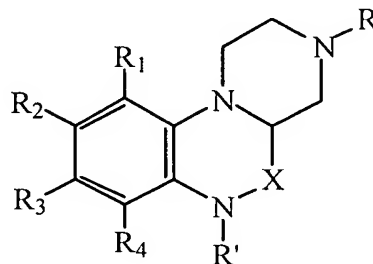


# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides compounds of formula I,



I

wherein

R is hydrogen or alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms;

R' is hydrogen, alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, acyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, or aroyl;

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, and R<sub>4</sub> are each, independently, hydrogen, alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms,

alkoxy of 1-6 carbon atoms, halogen, trifluoroalkyl, or trifluoroalkoxy of 1-6 carbon atoms;

X is CR<sub>5</sub>R<sub>6</sub> or a carbonyl group;

R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are each, independently, hydrogen or alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with the proviso that at least two of R<sub>1</sub>,

R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, or R<sub>4</sub> are not hydrogen;

which are 5HT<sub>2C</sub> receptor agonists useful for the treatment of disorders involving the central nervous system such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, migraine, sleep disorders, eating disorders, obesity, type II diabetes, and epilepsy.